## The 10th Annual REGIONAL ECONOMIC FORECAS for Southern California

## March 9, 2007 • Ontario Convention Center

## **AGENDA**

9:30 am Registration

10:00 am Welcome

Hon. Gary Ovitt, SCAG First Vice President

San Bernardino County Supervisor

Hon. Paul Leon, Mayor

City of Ontario

10:10 am **Welcome from Conference Moderator** 

Dr. John E. Husing, Vice President

Economics & Politics, Inc.

Ouick Overview of Economic Issues and Strategies for Expanding the Middle Class

**Speakers / Presenters / Dialogue** 

10:15 am Hon. Tom Torlakson, Chairman

State Senate Democratic Caucus

What is the feasibility of policies helping

the Middle Class?

Dr. Anil Puri, Economist

California State University, Fullerton

Middle Class Definition

Mark Pisano, Executive Director

Southern California Association of

Governments

Goods Movement and Logistics Opportunities

for the Region, a Public Sector View

Larry Kosmont, President and CEO

**Kosmont Companies** 

Competitiveness, Local Governments Ignore it

at their Residents Peril

Robert Wolf, President

Dr. Don Averill. Chancellor

San Bernardino Community College District

The Community Colleges and the Middle Class: What is Working-What is Not?

Michelle Johnson, Executive Vice President

KB Home. Inland Valley Division

Why Southern California is having trouble providing housing the Middle Class can

*afford?* 

Wally Knox, Former Assemblyman

and Director, Institute for the Middle Class

Service Sectors Powering Economic Efficiency and Growth

Lucy Dunn, President

Orange County Business Council

Orange County's Approach to Economic Development and its Potential Middle

Class Impact

Wrap Up

12:35 pm Luncheon

Dr. Lisa Grobar, Economist

California State University, Long Beach

Multi-County Forecast

Jim Flanigan, New York Times Columnist,

Former LA Times Columnist

Long View of Southern California's Middle

Class and Reasons for Optimism

2:00 pm **Adjourn** 

1:45 pm

Germania Corporation and former Co-Chair of the Southern California Leadership Council Goods Movement & Upward Economic

Mobility, a Private Sector View

